

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
March 23, 2021**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Kevin Casey on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Walsh.

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Smith, Zak, Grochowski, Banasiak, Finnegan, Barnhouse, Kurysz, Beyer, Walsh and Reynolds.

Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal March 9, 2021 Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Zak to approve as published the Journal of March 9, 2021 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (9) Aldermen Banasiak, Zak, Kurysz, Beyer, Walsh, Smith, Finnegan, Barnhouse and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTENTION: (1) Alderman Grochowski

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Journal February 23, 2021 Moved by Alderman Beyer seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve as published the Journal of February 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (9) Aldermen Banasiak, Zak, Kurysz, Beyer, Walsh, Smith, Finnegan, Barnhouse and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTENTION: (1) Alderman Grochowski

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Casey announced the Easter Bunny will be riding around town on April 3, 2021 starting at Noon. Mayor Casey asked the Hi-Lites reporter to make sure to mention the election on April 6, 2021 where there are opposed contests for the School Boards in District 229 and District 123. We need to remember that 70-72% of our real estate tax bill goes to the school districts. There is some movement at the shopping center. The Church sale is moving slowly but moving. Ghosien’s is moving, we received the easement agreement today. Metra is closing the railroad tracks May 5th to May 14th for repairs.

Office of the City Clerk:

City Clerk Mary Jo C. Hacker reported her office will be closed Good Friday, April 2, 2021. Clerk Hacker wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Office of the Treasurer:

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti had no report.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City

Attorney: Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief was not present.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director was not present. Alderman Banasiak asked that Director Trlak check out Duffy. It looks like there could be a crack in the middle of the street.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner was not present.

Public Health

& Safety: Director Bonnie Gesiakowski reported that with the snow melting she is out looking for dog feces not picked up in yards and will leave a 2 day warning notice then issue a ticket.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll
March 23, 2021
Moved by Alderman Christopher Beyer seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$91,871.01 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$61,811.25 for a total expenditure of \$153,682.26.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (10) Aldermen Smith, Zak, Kurysz, Beyer, Banasiak, Walsh, Grochowski, Finnegan, Barnhouse and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman, had no report.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Daniel Walsh, Chairman had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Smith, Chairman had no report.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Brian Barnhouse, Chairman had no report.

LICENSE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman had no report.

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman had no report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Rick Banasiak, Chairman had no report

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Luci Kurysz, Chairman had no report

POLICE COMMITTEE

Alderman Frank Finnegan, Chairman had no report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison reported the budget was put on hold, they are looking to cut hours to reduce the payroll cost. Once they pass the budget they will work on the long range plan, the last time they did a plan was 2009. The next meeting will be April 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Legislation: Alderman Christopher Beyer reported the American Rescue Plan passed which should help residents, local businesses and the Municipality. Treasurer Roti reported on some pending bills that could impact the city which he is watching.

Fire Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak, Liaison reported they hope to meet in April.

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES BY ALDERMEN

SPECIAL EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski had no report.

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Banasiak asked if there was anything new on the water meters. Mayor Casey stated he received an email from Congresswoman Newman's Chief of Staff asking for details on our water meter needs, so that is promising. This would be a big project, meeting with different companies and it would work best if we had a committee. Alderman Banasiak has volunteered; Alderman Barnhouse and Grochowski stated they would like to be a part of the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Alderman Kurysz and Mayor Casey reported there is a former resident that now lives in LA doing a movie about growing up in Hometown. Mayor Casey took Nick Vitacco around town to see some of the landmarks Nick remembered from when he grew up here.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Alderman Beyer Seconded by Alderman Reynolds to adjourn the regular meeting of the Hometown City Council.

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk